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RELATIONSHIPS JUNE 15-16 WITH KONRAD ADENAUER
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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY/USIS ON JUNE 15-16 COSPONSORED A
MAJOR CONFERENCE IN BONN WITH THE KONRAD ADENAUER FOUN-
DATION ON THE THEME OF "THE ECONOMIES OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES: RESPONSIBILITIES AND
CHALLENGES IN A CHANGING WORLD." U.S. SPEAKERS INCLUDED
SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL AND CHARLES SCHULTZE, CHAIR-
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MAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS. TWO-DAY CON-
FERENCE, AND APPOINTMENTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS SURROUNDING
IT, INVOLVED MANY MEMBERS OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC'S
ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING ELITE. END SUMMARY

2. SECRETARY OF LABOR RAY C. MARSHALL AND COUNCIL OF
ECONOMIC ADVISORS CHAIRMAN CHARLES L. SCHULTZE WERE THE

PRINCIPAL AMERICAN SPEAKERS AT A JUNE 15-16 CONFERENCE IN BONN COSPONSORED BY THE EMBASSY AND THE KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION, POLITICAL FOUNDATION OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION. THE CONFERENCE PERMITTED THE ENUNCIATION AND DISCUSSION OF U.S. AND GERMAN ECONOMIC POLICY CONCERNS BEFORE AN AUDIENCE WHICH INCLUDED MANY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC'S KEY ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKERS.

3. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE WERE, OF COURSE, THE PRESENTATIONS BY THE TWO U.S. CABINET-LEVEL ECONOMISTS. SECRETARY MARSHALL ON JUNE 15TH STRESSED THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO ASSURE CONTINUED STRONG SUPPORT FOR FREE TRADE BY ASSURING THAT THE BURDEN LOW TARIFF BARRIERS WOULD IMPOSE ON CERTAIN U.S. WORKERS AND INDUSTRIES WOULD BE NEITHER UNFAIR, HARSH, NOR WITHOUT CORRECTIVE AMELIORATING GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE MEASURES. SECRETARY SCHULTZE STRESSED THE ADMINISTRATION'S MACRO-ECONOMIC GOALS FOR THE COMING FOUR YEARS, EXPLAINED THE ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK UPON WHICH THESE GOALS ARE BASED, AND STRESSED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER "STRONG" INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO PURSUE POLICIES OF MAXIMUM GROWTH. BOTH ADMINISTRATION SPEAKERS SUBMITTED TO QUESTION PERIODS FOLLOWING THEIR PRESENTATIONS.

4. SOCIAL EVENTS HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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LEADING CDU OFFICIALS SURROUNDING THE CONFERENCE PERMITTED FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC MATTERS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO THESE TWO NATIONS, BUT TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH DEPEND, FOR THEIR OWN GROWTH, UPON THE PERFORMANCE AND POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. SECRETARY MARSHALL, IN ADDITION, WAS HOSTED BY HIS COUNTERPART, DR. HERBERT EHRENBERG, WEST GERMANY'S MINISTER FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

5. GERMAN SPEAKERS IN THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED DR. PETER HERMES, FOREIGN MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC ISSUES; DR. HANS TIETMEYER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS; BUNDESTAG DEPUTY JUERGEN G. TODENHOEFER, CHAIRMAN OF THE CDU/CSU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY GROUP; DR. KURT BIEDENKOPF, FORMER SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CDU AND NOW ITS SPOKESMAN ON ECONOMIC MATTERS; AND DR. KARL-HEINZ NARJES, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY GROUP OF THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG FRACTION.

6. ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WERE SOME 100 SPECIFICALLY

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INVITED GERMANS PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL IN FEDERAL
ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING. ATTENDEES WILL BE REPORTED
SEPARATELY, BUT AMONG THEM WERE SUCH FIGURES AS DR.
DIETER HISS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC POLICY
OF THE OFFICE OF THE BUNDESKANZLER; FRITZWERNER
PIRKMAYR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRI-
CULTURAL POLICY IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE;
DIETER FROMMEL, CHIEF OF THE NORTH AMERICA DEPARTMENT
OF THE DEUTSCHE BUNDESBANK; DR. RUDOLF HARDE, CHAIRMAN
OF THE BOARD OF THE NUCLEAR RESEARCH CORPORATION,
KARLSRUHE; KAI-UWE VON HASSEL, BUNDESTAG DEPUTY AND ITS
FORMER PRESIDENT; PAUL J. HOENMANN, CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF MOBIL OIL IN GERMANY; THEO M. LOCH, EDITOR-IN-
CHIEF OF WEST GERMAN RADIO AND PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN
UNION ASSOCIATION.

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7. THE EXPLICATION OF U.S. VIEWS AND CONCERNS WAS FACILITATED BY THE PARTICIPATION OF SEVERAL ARTICULATE AMERICAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMISTS. INVITED HERE BY THE EMBASSY AND FOUNDATION FOR THE CONFERENCE WERE PROFESSOR ANNE O. KRUEGER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, CURRENTLY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (AND EDITOR OF USIA'S ECONOMIC PORTFOLIO); DR. ROBERT SOLOMON OF THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION; DR. CARL H. MADDEN, RECENTLY RETIRED AFTER SEVERAL YEARS AS SENIOR ECONOMIST OF THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; DR. LEON H. KEYSERLING, CHAIRMAN UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS; AND DR. LAWRENCE FRANKO, DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE. THE AMBASSADOR AND RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE EMBASSY ALSO TOOK PART IN MUCH OR ALL OF THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

8. THE CONFERENCE PERMITTED NOT ONLY THE STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL VIEWS (SECRETARY MARSHALL AND CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE ON BEHALF OF THE USG, STATE SECRETARY HERMES ON BEHALF OF THE FRG, AND VARIOUS OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF THE CDU), BUT, PERHAPS EQUALLY IMPORTANTLY, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL SIDES TO PROBE AND QUESTION THE POSITIONS OF THE OTHERS. PROFESSOR KRUEGER PROBABLY SPOKE FOR SEVERAL GERMAN AND AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN OBSERVING THAT, "ALTHOUGH ONE THINKS THAT ONE KEEPS ONESELF RATHER WELL INFORMED, ONE DOES NOT REALLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFERENT PERCEPTIONS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES UNTIL ONE ENCOUNTERS THE FRANK 'GIVE AND TAKE'" PERMITTED BY THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND SURROUNDING ACTIVITIES.

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9. EMBASSY WILL BE REFERRING TO ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS IN SEPARATE MESSAGES, BUT NOTES HERE THAT SEVERAL GERMAN PARTICIPANTS, IN EVALUATING THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THE CONFERENCE, EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT INSIGHTS AND IMPRESSIONS GAINED AT IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE EFFECTS ON GERMAN THINKING LONG AFTER THE ORIGIN OF THESE INSIGHTS IS FORGOTTEN.

10. EMBASSY IS PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO SECRETARY MARSHALL AND CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE FOR HAVING ACCEPTED ITS INVITATION TO THIS CONFERENCE, AND TO WASHINGTON

ELEMENTS WHICH RECRUITED THE OTHER MEMBERS OF A VERY
SOUND U.S. DELEGATION.
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